(9) Resolution by Dr. Hiralal Chatterjee

"Resolved that the State Governments be moved to make the post of Secretary to the Regional Records Survey Committee in each State a whole-time permanent one so as to enable the incumbent to devote his whole time and energy to the work assigned to him. And for purpose thereof a Class I - at least a junior Class I Officer - be selected and be provided with a separate office with a typist-cum-clerk and a peon to serve under him. Further, that a vehicle be placed at his disposal."

Explanatory note:

Experiences have shown that in most of the States the Regional Records Survey Committee is constituted with persons and officers who cannot, for obvious reasons, be expected to devote their whole time and energy to the work of the committees of which they are members. This is, however, perfectly understandable and it does not in any way perhaps interfere with the work of the Committee or seek to lessen its importance either. But to ask a person serving in a Government or a private college as Senior Lecturer or Lecturer in History to act as its Secretary virtually on a part-time (honorary) basis is to do scant justice to him or to the work assigned to him. Such an attitude has been responsible for the virtual non-functioning of many of the Regional Committees, and partly accounts for the virtual failure of the different

committees in the sphere of archives collection. A vehicle at the disposal of the Secretary will enable him to tour extensively to find out new records, coins, manuscripts, and other valuable source-materials of use to the Commission.

Standing Committee's views:

This point was discussed earlier at the 24th and 25th meetings of the Research and Publication Committee of the Indian Historical Records Commission, held in January 1955 and February 1956 respectively. At present, the position is much better as in most of the States which have organised Archives Departments, the Directors of State Archives function as the Secretary or the Convener of their Regional Records Survey Committees. Only in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, Tripura and Delhi the position is different.

Actually the best way to make the Regional Records Survey Committees function more effectively may be to provide funds and whole-time staff.

(10) Resolution by Dr. Hiralal Chatterjee

"Resolved that the State Committees be asked to publish at least one journal every year which should include reports about their many sided activities, a list of archival collections made by them throughout the year, names of receipients of any cash rewards and prizes for outstanding work, if any, besides some learned articles contributed by competent scholars. For this the University Grants Commission be approached and be requested to place enough funds at the disposal of the State Committees."